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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (105-4027) (P)

SUBJ: SCLC
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Re Baltimore airtel to Bureau, 10/21/68 and enclosures, all of which are enclosed for Pittsburgh.

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Date 10/28/68

RE: COMINFIL OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
(SCLC)
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Remarks:

ReBa airtel and LHM 10/21/68 captioned SCLC, RM.

Since the Bureau is not investigating the SCLC as a racial case, the caption should be carried as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (100-10420) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of LHM, captioned as above. Two copies are enclosed for Atlanta and one each for Dallas, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Copies are being furnished locally to MIG, Houston; NISO, Houston; NISO, New Orleans; OSI, San Antonio and Secret Service, Houston.

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ALL TEXAS

A Special Agent of the FBI observed Abernathy and three Negro males whose airline tickets bore names A.J. Young, B.S. Lee, Rev. B. Lafayette board Braniff International Flight 22 enroute Dallas, Texas, 7:00 AM, October 24, 1968. These four appeared to be traveling together. Abernathy's ticket reflected reservation Delta Airlines Flight 823 from Dallas enroute San Francisco departing 9:00 AM, October 24, 1968; TransWorld Airlines Flight, San Francisco to Los Angeles, departing San Francisco 7:45 AM, October 25, 1968.

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COME SEE HEAR and MEET

DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

will be here

WED. OCT. 23 1968

to talk with you on these issues:

Poverty, Ignorance, Disease, and Survival of Poor People

Mule Train: 9:30 AM

time & place 2751 Lyons

Meeting of Community Leaders:

time & place 11:30 AM 3531 WHEELER YMCA

Meeting of Religious Forces:

time & place 1:00 PM 6700 SCOTT ST MARYS METHODIST

City-Wide Mass Meeting:

time & place HESTER HOUSE 2020 SOLO 7:30 PM

Dr. Ralph David Abernathy
President
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Ave., N.E. Atlanta, Ga. 30303 (404) 522-1420

HOUSTON PHONE NO. 707-0381
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FROM : SAC, MOBILE (100-1681) (RUC)

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Mobile telephone call to Atlanta, 10/21/68; Mobile teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Memphis, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, dated 10/21/68.

Attached for the Bureau is the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum, and one copy for each office, captioned as above.

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Liaison was maintained with the Montgomery Police Department, Alabama State Department of Public Safety, and military intelligence during ABERNATHY's stay.

[redacted] b7D

For the information of Atlanta, a late model blue automobile was observed at the Church of Christ, North Decatur Street, Montgomery, the point of origin of the march, and this vehicle bore 1969 Georgia plates 82-D-286 and was occupied by a Negro male.

Dissemination of enclosed LHM is being made to local intelligence agencies.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

OCTOBER 22, 1968

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

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3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

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   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1)
U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham, Alabama

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Mobile, Alabama
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the Reverend Ralph Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) will arrive at Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Alabama, on Monday, October 21, 1968, at 9:25 a.m., to conduct a march and a mass meeting to "get out the vote". Source said he is being sponsored by the SCLC, Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) and others. Following his arrival, he is to proceed to the New Town section of Montgomery and there form a "poor people's march" to the State Capitol, utilizing a mule and wagon, symbolic of the Poor People's Campaign. The march will include approximately ten automobiles and people on foot. A news conference will be held in front of the Capitol building and the afternoon will be taken up with conferences with civil rights leaders in Montgomery. A mass meeting is planned for 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Baptist Church, Oak and Mobile Road, Montgomery, Alabama. The source advised a permit has been requested and approval will not be made by the city authorities until Monday morning.

On October 21, 1968, [redacted] advised that Ralph D. Abernathy, President, SCLC, arrived at Dannelly Field, Montgomery, aboard Delta Airline Flight 505 at 9:51 a.m., accompanied by Reverend Andrew Young and Tom Offenburger, both employees of SCLC. [redacted] stated they were met at the airport by approximately fifty Negroes. They left the airport at 10:37 a.m. in a motorcade of approximately seven cars and proceeded to the

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Church of Christ, North Decatur Street, New Town, Montgomery, Alabama. En route, they drove through the campus of the Alabama State College, Montgomery, and some of the Negro communities.

[redacted] stated the march departed from the above-mentioned church at approximately 12:20 p.m. and proceeded on a zigzag course to Bainbridge and Dexter Avenues, in front of the State Capitol. The march originated with two wagons drawn by two mules, seven cars, and approximately fifty people. The first wagon was driven by Ralph Abernathy and the second was occupied by Richard C. Boone, a candidate for United States Congress. En route, they picked up three cars and approximately twenty-five more people.

[redacted] stated Abernathy made a speech in front of the State Capitol, stating that it was here in Montgomery that he and Dr. Martin Luther King started the civil rights movement some twelve years ago and that it was only appropriate that he should start his drive "to get out the vote" here in Montgomery. He said he was not telling them how to vote, but that we know where presidential candidate Nixon stands, and Humphrey is not much better, and that even though George Wallace has done more for the civil rights movement than any other candidate, they are still not going to vote for him. He urged all to get out and vote on November 5, 1968, and that today the Supreme Court of the United States had ruled that 76 Negro candidates in the State of Alabama had to be included on the ballot in Alabama. At the conclusion, Abernathy said he was going to meet with the civil rights leaders in Montgomery and visit the pool rooms to encourage the people to get out and vote. He urged all present to attend a mass meeting at the Bethel Baptist Church, Oak and Mobile Road, Montgomery, that night at 7:30 p.m.

[redacted] said Abernathy was one of several speakers at the Bethel Baptist Church and that the meeting got under way at a little before 8:00 p.m., and ended at about 8:40 p.m. There were about 300 to 350 present. Abernathy again urged the Negro to get out and vote.

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[redacted] stated Abernathy, Reverend Young, and Tom Offenburger departed Montgomery aboard Eastern Airline Flight 528 for Atlanta at 8:55 p.m. They also held reservations on Delta Airline Flight 55 from Atlanta to Memphis, departing Atlanta at 11:57 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings time and arriving Memphis 12:37 a.m. Central Daylight Savings time. b7D

[redacted] stated there were no incidents or trouble in Montgomery during Abernathy's stay.

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a mass meeting was held on October 21, 1968, at the Bethel Baptist Church, Oak Street and Mobile Road, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. and there were approximately 285 persons present. Andrew Young introduced Reverend Ralph Abernathy, who urged the Negroes to get out and support local candidates to make their vote count. Abernathy stated neither Richard Nixon or Hubert Humphrey were much of a choice, but not to vote for George Wallace.

This source advised that Richard Boone, a candidate for Congress for the National Democratic Party of Alabama, addressed the gathering and told them that for the first time in history, in the State of Alabama, black people have a choice to vote black. He also stated that in the past the black man had to take his problems to the white man, but now black people are going to have black representatives. He urged the assembled to vote "black".

The source further advised a candidate from the Sixth District in Birmingham, Alabama, also addressed the group.

Reverend Abernathy stated that he was going to Marks, Mississippi, and across the map urging the Negroes to vote. Abernathy critized Bill Dickinson, Congressman, State of Alabama, as a white man in Washington who tells lies for $32,000 a year. Abernathy stated it was time to put a black man in Washington. This source stated the meeting came to a close at about 8:43 p.m.

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[redacted] Eastern Airlines, advised on b7D
October 21, 1968, that Ralph Abernathy has the following reservations:

October 22, 1968
American Airline Flight 261
Departing 5:15 p.m.
Memphis to Dallas;

October 22, 1968
Braniff Airline Flight 67Y
Departing 8:00 p.m.
Dallas to Houston;

October 24, 1968
Braniff Airline Flight 22
Departing 7:00 a.m.
Houston to Dallas;

October 24, 1968
Delta Airline Flight 823
Departing 9:00 a.m.
Dallas to San Francisco;

October 25, 1968
TWA Flight 56
Departing 7:45 a.m.
San Francisco to Los Angeles;

October 26, 1968
Delta Airline Flight 14
Departing 8:35 a.m.
Los Angeles to Atlanta;

October 27, 1968
Eastern Airline Flight 132
Departing 6:35 p.m.
Atlanta to Baltimore;

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October 29, 1968
Delta Airline Flight 150
Departing 8:05 a.m.
Baltimore to Philadelphia
(Delta has cancelled this flight.);

October 30, 1968
TWA Flight 732
Departing 8:00 a.m.
Philadelphia to New York,
John F. Kennedy Airport;

November 1, 1968
American Airline Flight 141
Departing 8:00 a.m.
New York, John F. Kennedy Airport,
to Detroit;

November 2, 1968
Eastern Airline Flight 303
Departing 6:30 a.m.
Detroit to Pittsburgh;

November 2, 1968
United Airline Flight 453
Departing 11:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh to Atlanta

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TO DIRECTOR 100-438794 (CODE)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 3P

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, COMINFIL SCLC, IS - C (OO - ATLANT) INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST (OFFICE OF ORIGIN - ATLANTA)

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, LEARNED ON TEN TWENTY FOUR LAST, THAT STANLEY LEVISON HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) THAT DATE. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, YOUNG TOLD LEVISON HE HAD SPOKEN TO SENATOR EUGENE MC CARTHY THAT DAY AND THAT HE, YOUNG, DESIRED TO SET UP A MEETING IN A CHURCH IN THE LOS ANGELES WATTS AREA SPONSORED BY NEGRO CLERGY. YOUNG WOULD INVITE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL PEOPLE FAVORABLE TO MC CARTHY AND HAVE MAYOR RICHARD HATCHER OF GARY, INDIANA, CONGRESSMAN JOHN CONYERS OF MICHIGAN AND MC CARTHY ON PROGRAM. YOUNG INDICATED THAT A GROUP OF NEGROES OF THE NATIONAL

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COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY SHOULD HOLD A MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONVENIENCE. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE CALIFORNIA MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT (TEN THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT). HE ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER THE SCLC SHOULD BE PUBLICLY INVOLVED IN THE MEETING OR LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THEY ARRANGED BEHIND THE SCENES.

LEVISON FELT THAT IF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ENDORSED HUMPHREY IT WOULD GET A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION. HE ALSO TOLD YOUNG THAT YOUNG SHOULD BE CERTAIN TO BE PRESENT BECAUSE IF MC CARTHY INTENDS TO ENDORSE HUMPHREY IT WILL BE A MAJOR NEWS EVENT.

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" [redacted] IS THE SOURCE USED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS SOURCE IS AMBIGUOUS AND DOES NOT MENTION THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY BY NAME NOR DOES IT STATE EXPLICITLY THAT MC CARTHY WILL ANNOUNCE HIS SUPPORT OF HUMPHREY.

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HOWEVER, BASED UPON PUBLIC INFORMATION OF POLITICAL EVENTS AND PREVIOUS INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE SOURCE IT IS THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF THE NYO THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THE TELETYPE IS THE MEANING OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LEVISON AND YOUNG. CLASSIFY "SECRET".

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date October 25, 1968

The attached pertains to speculation by Stanley Levison, Advisor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) who was identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963, and Andrew Young of the SCLC that Vice President Humphrey may be endorsed by Senator Eugene McCarthy and the National Committee of Inquiry. This Committee is a group of Negroes who evaluate and consider endorsing political candidates.

In view of the nonspecific nature of this information and since it is political in nature, we are making no dissemination.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-438794) ATLANTA AND BALTIMORE

FROM LOS ANGELES (100-65141)

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REV. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY ARRIVED LOS ANGELES OCT. TWENTY FIVE LAST. RALLY HELD AT WILL ROGERS STATE PARK, WATTS, FOLLOWED BY PARADE OF THREE MULE TRAIN WAGONS. DURING EVENING RALLY HELD AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH LOS ANGELES. PRINCIPLE THEME TO GET OUT VOTE FOR NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

ON OCT. TWENTY FIVE LAST [redacted] DELTA AL, ADVISED ABERNATHY, A. B. LEE, A.J. YOUNG, B. LAFAYETTE, MRS. OFFENDBURGER, MISS RANDOLPH, H. WILLIAMS, AND F. KIRKPATRICK HAVE FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS: OCT. TWENTY SIX DELTA FLIGHT ONE FOUR, LOS ANGELES TO ATLANTA; OCT. TWENTY SEVEN EASTERN FLIGHT ONE THREE TWO, ATLANTA TO BALTIMORE; PARTY SPLITS AT BALTIMORE; ABERNATHY AND LEE OCT. TWENTY NINE RANSOME AL FLIGHT UNAVAILABLE, BALTIMORE TO PHILADELPHIA; NOV. ONE TWA FLIGHT UNAVAILABLE, PHILADELPHIA TO ST. LOUIS; NOV TWO TWA FLIGHT SEVEN TWO, ST. LOUIS TO PITTSBURGH;

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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On October 18, 1968, Abernathy held the press conference, as indicated above, at which time the attached statement was made.

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STATEMENT BY DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RESSURRECTION CITY, WASHINGTON, D. C.
October 18, 1968

I return today to the site of Ressurrection City the sacred spot which held so much hope for the poor of our nation. I come to announce a Nationwide Get-Out-the-Vote campaign to be launched next week by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

This campaign is designed to stir the forces of good will to bring the moral weight of their votes to bear in every election this November -- from city council to the Presidency.

The black, the poor, and our liberal allies across the nation are suffering today from a tremendous emotional drain. We have this year lost two of our greatest leaders -- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy -- who were assassinated in a time when their vision and reason were most desperately needed by America.

Their tragic deaths, together with the agony of the war in Vietnam and the insensitivity to poverty at home, have left millions in this country demoralized confused and crushed. Some are even actively urging us not to vote this year. And in a sense I guess I understand that sentiment. For I would much rather to have seen, for example, a Presidential race between a Kennedy and a Rochefeller. But the fact is that one of three men is going to be President of this country. Whoever is elected must know that he has to contend with a strong liberal vote

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for peace and progress.

We in SCLC have noted the alarming trend toward apathy among many people of goodwill and are distressed by it for we know that this is exactly what the right wing elements and the forces of reaction in our country want. They want the black, the poor and the liberals to walk away from the many crucial elections taking place on November 5th. The enemies of poor people are seeking office at every level so that they can call a halt to the great strides toward freedom that we have made in recent years.

I shall therefore call upon people of goodwill across the nation to mobilize the black, poor and liberal voters to turn out at the polls as never before.

A massive movement of these voters toward the polls will create a demand that all candidates for public office, from sheriff to President, speak to the vital issues of peace and justice with which the Poor People's Campaign is trying so desperately to confront the nation.

We have come too far to turn back now. Far too many have suffered, shed their blood, and died for the right to vote for us not to exercise that right in the critical elections ahead.

We will begin our campaign on Monday, October 21st, in Montgomery, Alabama -- Montgomery, where black people 50,000 strong opened the Second Reconstruction in America 13 years ago under the inspired leadership of Dr. King; Montgomery, Alabama, now the headquarters of the apostle of fear and hate, who would bring an end to what we started there, if he is elected President.

If Mr. Wallace thinks he is going to stop demonstrations for freedom, he might as well get ready now, because we will be demonstrating next Monday where he has his headquarters.

From Montgomery we will journey on Tuesday, October 22nd to Marks, Mississippi -- the poorest area in the United States, where men, women and children are literally starving to death. From Marks, we shall speak to the poor of our nation -- black, white, red, brown, yellow. We will say, "The poor must vote" -- as long as one out of every four Americans is poverty-stricke as long as 10 million Americans are hungry; as long as poverty and disease affli two-thirds of the world; as long as strong men are denied jobs, impoverished mothers are denied a decent life for their families, and children are denied a good education.

We shall then be in Houston, Texas, on Wednesday, October 23; Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newark, New York City, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Atlanta will follow in that order.

We will carry the same urgent message to every region of America: People must know the issues and they must vote. Our effort will be nonpartisan

We will take with us the Poor People's Mule Train -- which began in Mississippi and has traveled to Ressurrection City and on to the Republican and Democratic conventions -- as a symbol of the vital issue of poverty and human rights that we must not allow to be covered up by the rhetoric of fear and hate that has become commonplace in the 1968 campaign.

We call upon men and women of conscience in these 12 cities and in all communities across the nation to join us in the immensely important work of getting out the vote for justice in America.

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FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 3P

Southern Christian Leadership Conference
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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON OCTOBER TWO EIGHT, INSTANT, THAT ON THIS DATE, STANLEY LEVISON CONFERRED WITH ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) ABOUT SENATOR EUGENE MC CARTHY'S ENDORSEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER THREE ZERO, NEXT. YOUNG TOLD LEVISON THAT HE HAD ARRANGED THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER THREE ZERO, AT WHICH MC CARTHY WILL ANNOUNCE HIS SUPPORT OF HUMPHREY. YOUNG FURTHER NOTED THAT HE HAD MENTIONED TO MC CARTHY THE POSSIBILITY OF TALKING TO HUMPHREY AND THAT MC CARTHY SAID THEY SHOULD DO IT BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION EVEN IF THEY COULD NOT DO IT BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

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YOUNG FURTHER INDICATED THAT MC CARTHY IN HIS CASUAL WAY WANTS HIM TO ARRANGE THE MEETING WITH HUMPHREY BUT FELT THAT THIS WAS NOT HIS ROLE.

LEVISON COMMENTED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MC CARTHY AND HUMPHREY IS STRAINED AND GAVE HIS OPINION THAT MC CARTHY IS WILLING TO MEET WITH HUMPHREY RELUCTANTLY. HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF MC CARTHY DOES NOT WANT TO SET UP THE MEETING BUT WANTS YOUNG TO DO IT. LEVISON SAID THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT AND SUGGESTED ONE OFIELD DUKE IN WASHINGTON, DC AS THE PERSON WHO MIGHT ARRANGE THE MEETING.

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, LEVISON ALSO DISCUSSED WITH YOUNG AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPORT OF HUMPHREY BY CORETTA KING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER TWO NINE, NEXT. YOUNG FELT THAT THIS WOULD CREATE A PROBLEM BECAUSE RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC PRESIDENT, WILL BE WITH MC CARTHY ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER THREE ZERO, WHEN MC CARTHY MAKES HIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

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LEVISON STATED THAT THERE IS NO WAY TO AVOID COMPETITION BETWEEN STATEMENTS BY CORETTA KING AND ABERNATHY AND THAT HE HAS FELT THAT CORETTA SHOULD MAKE HER ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE MC CARTHY SO IT WILL NOT APPEAR THAT SHE IS TRAILING ALONG AFTER HIM. HE SUGGESTED THAT ABERNATHY COULD ENDORSE HUMPHREY NOT AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCLC BUT AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE SCLC DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY CANDIDATE. LEVISON COUNSELLED THAT ABERNATHY CAN DO THIS AND SHOULD DO IT. YOUNG AGREED.

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Attached reports that Senator Eugene McCarthy may announce his support of Vice President Humphrey 10-30-68, and that Coretta King, wife of deceased Martin Luther King, should make statement of her support of Humphrey prior to McCarthy's statement and that Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) President Abernathy could endorse Humphrey as an individual rather than as President of SCLC. Levison is advisor to SCLC who was identified as secret Communist Party member as late as 1963.

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A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, LEARNED ON ONE ZERO TWO FIVE SIX EIGHT, THAT STANLEY LEVISON TOLD HIS SON, ANDY LEVISON, THAT SENATOR EUGENE MC CARTHY IS SET TO ANNOUNCE HIS ENDORSEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY ON WEDNESDAY (ONE ZERO THREE ZERO SIX EIGHT) IN WATTS, CALIFORNIA, WITH RALPH ABERNATHY AND ANDREW YOUNG OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND OTHER PEOPLE (NOT IDENTIFIED) PRESENT. LEVISON NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN PRESSURE ON MC CARTHY TO DO THIS AND THAT HE HAS BEEN WAVERING. HE CONCEDED THAT MC CARTHY-S ENDORSEMENT MAY BE WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND THAT BEING MC CARTHY HE MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND AND NOT GIVE HIS ENDORSEMENT AT ALL.

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Attached relates to report [illegible] that Senator McCarthy will announce his endorsement of Vice President Humphrey on Wednesday, October 30, 1968, in Watts area of Los Angeles. Levison is an advisor to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference who was identified as a secret Communist Party member as late as 1963.

In view of strictly political nature of this information, no dissemination is being made.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

At 11:45 a.m., October 22, 1968, Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, President, SCLC, and Reverend Andrew Young, Assistant to the President, SCLC, arrived in Marks, Mississippi, from Memphis, Tennessee, in a 1968 Buick Electra, four-door light blue hardtop, 1968 Tennessee License JN5565.

At 12:50 p.m. October 22, 1968, 160 Negroes led by Reverend Abernathy and Young marched to the Quitman County Courthouse, Marks, Mississippi.

Reverend Young introduced Reverend Abernathy who spoke on "Get Out The Vote". Reverend Abernathy spoke against Presidential Candidates George Wallace and Richard Nixon, but said that he was endorsing no candidate or political party.

Reverend Abernathy and Young departed Marks, Mississippi, at 3:35 p.m. October 22, 1968, in the above described Buick en route to the airport, Memphis, for air travel to Houston.

No arrests or incidents occurred as a result of SCLC march, Marks, Mississippi, October 22, 1968.

Appropriate local, state, and Federal authorities were advised of the above.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

[redacted] advised on October 24, 1968, that a parade permit had been issued to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) during the late afternoon on October 23, 1968. Parade permit included two mule train wagons to be led by the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the SCLC. He said that the parade was being sponsored by the "United Poor People's March". b7D

Observation by Special Agents of the FBI and information furnished by [redacted] on October 24, 1968, determined that the parade began promptly at 3:00 PM. Included in the parade was one wagon pulled by two mules, 14 individuals were in the wagon and seven autos began to fill in behind the wagon. Signs exhibited included get out the vote and support the poor people's campaign. The parade took a circuitous route through the predominantly Negro section of San Francisco and ended up in Martin Luther King Square located at Turk and Steiner Streets at 4:30 PM. Maximum number in the parade was 125, which included some marchers near the end of the route.

A speaker stand was set up at a construction site and featured the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy and the Reverend Andrew Young, SCLC Executive Vice President. A crowd of approximately 500 was attracted by the activities. Speeches urged the audience to vote in the coming elections and to support the poor people's campaign. Abernathy related his previous association with the deceased Reverend Martin Luther King. No incidents or arrests occurred.

The "San Francisco Chronicle", a daily newspaper published in San Francisco, in its October 25, 1968, edition told that the Reverend Abernathy came to San Francisco yesterday stumping for Hubert H. Humphrey for President. The paper stated

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that he would be quick to deny he had urged anyone to vote for any specific candidate and he would be right. The paper quoted Abernathy as saying that neither he nor the conference had endorsed a candidate. He said the SCLC is sponsoring a Get-Out-The-Vote Drive.

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ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

FROM PHILADELPHIA 105-47194

COMINFIL, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, IS-C.

REV. RALPH ABERNATHY ARRIVED PHILA ONE TWENTY AM TEN TWENTYNINE INSTANT. DURING LATE MORNING PARADED WITH MULE TEAM THROUGHOUT NEGRO NEIGHBORHOOD OF NORTH PHILA AND SPOKE AT OPEN-AIR RALLY IN NORTH PHILA GHETTO AT WHICH TIME HE BACKED VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY. ABERNATHY ATTENDED MEETINGS AT THREE CHURCHES IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF PHILA BUT DID NOT LEAD MULE TEAM AROUND BOK VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AS PLANNED. NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-438794 (CODE)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 3P

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"Southern Christian Leadership Conference"

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, LEARNED ON TEN TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, THAT STANLEY LEVISON TOLD CORETTA KING, WIDOW OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, THAT SENATOR EUGENE MC CARTHY MIGHT ISSUE HIS ENDORSEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY FROM HIS OWN OFFICE. HE SAID THAT MC CARTHY MIGHT NOT GO TO WATTS, CALIFORNIA BECAUSE HE IS NOT COMFORTABLE IN THE NEGRO COMMUNITY.

LEVISON EXPLAINED THAT MC CARTHY'S SECRETARY KNEW ABOUT THE PLAN TO ISSUE THE HUMPHREY ENDORSEMENT IN WATTS BUT THAT HIS ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT. HE STATED THAT MC CARTHY, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A LONER, APPARENTLY DOES NOT TRUST ANYONE

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THE SOURCE ALSO LEARNED ON TEN TWENTYNINE, SIXTY EIGHT THAT ON THAT DATE STANLEY LEVISON AND ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, DISCUSSED THE MC CARTHY ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPORT OF HUMPHREY. YOUNG STATED THAT THE SITUATION AS TO MC CARTHY'S STATUS IS COMPLICATED. HE SAID MC CARTHY WANTS TO PREPARE A STATEMENT HIMSELF WHICH WILL BE LONG AND ELABORATE, GIVE IT TO THE PRESS, ON TEN TWENTY NINE, THEN READ IT FOR TELEVISION BUT PERMIT NO QUESTIONS THEREAFTER.

YOUNG CONTINUED THAT MC CARTHY'S FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE WILL BE WEDNESDAY NIGHT, TEN THIRTY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, BUT THAT SOME PERSONS ARE QUESTIONING WHETHER IT IS WORTH ALL THE EFFORT.

LEVISON ADVISED THAT THE POINT YOUNG HAS BEEN MAKING, THAT IS, THE RECREATING OF UNITY BETWEEN BLACKS AND THE PEACE FORCES REPRESENTED BY MC CARTHY IS USEFUL. HE SAID THEY ARE GOING TO NEED THIS.

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RE NEW YORK TEL IEN TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

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TO DIRECTOR ATTN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE AND PHILADELPHIA (PLAIN TEXT)

FROM BALTIMORE (100-23228)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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[redacted] ADVISED SCLC LEADER REVERAND RALPH D. ABERNATHY ARRIVED IN BALTIMORE EVENING OF OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND STAYED AT ROWNTOWNER MOTEL. HIS PURPOSE IS TO WAGE A "GET OUT AND VOTE" CAMPAIGN

ON OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT HE TOURED PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO WESTERN AND CHERRY HILL SECTIONS OF BALTIMORE WITH A MULE TRAIN AND HELD SEVERAL PRESS CONFERENCES. AT NINE PM HE WAS AT THE NEW SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH BALTIMORE FOR A PUBLIC RALLY.

REVERAND ABERNATHY IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT BALTIMORE BY EASTERN AIRLINES TO PHILADELPHIA SHORTLY AFTER ELEVEN PM OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT. THE EAL FLIGHT LEAVES FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT AT ELEVEN ELEVEN PM AND ARRIVES PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN FORTYFOUR PM.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT THE REVERAND ABERNATHY'S ACTIVITIES IN BALTIMORE ATTRACTED ONLY MODERATE ATTENTION AND CAUSED NO DISORDER.

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

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BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP),
also known as Black Organizing Power,
Afro-American Brotherhood,
Black Student Association,
Invaders,
LeMoyne Intercollegiate Chapter of the
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People (NAACP),
City Organizers

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On April 18, 1968, a first source advised that a black power group in Memphis which has been in existence for several months has until recently been known as Black Organizing Power. It is now known as Black Organizing Project (BOP), also known as Black Organizing Power, with five cells or parts, known as (1) Afro-American Brotherhood (AAB), primarily consisting of Owen College students; (2) Black Student Association (BSA), primarily consisting of Memphis State University (MSU) Negro students; (3) LeMoyne Intercollegiate Chapter of the NAACP, consisting of LeMoyne College students; (4) the Invaders, consisting mostly of high school dropouts; and (5) the City Organizers, comprised of young adults.

AAB has about 12 members; BSA has about 20 members; the Invaders has about 15 members; the LeMoyne group has about 20 members; and the City Organizers has about 20 members.

Source one advised the BOP attempts to create pride in black identity, attempts to teach and promote the teaching of Negro history, and to promote black culture and obtain more employment for young Negroes.

The Executive Secretary of BOP is Charles Laverne Cabbage.

On February 16, 1968, Charles Laverne Cabbage personally acknowledged being leader of BOP, claiming he is the impetus of black power in Memphis, Tennessee, and that BOP's purpose is to stimulate in the young Negroes a sense of black identity, black pride, and black consciousness. He said his group follows the teachings of Student Nonviolent

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Coordinating Committee (SNCC) leaders H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael but that BOP did not necessarily exist as a formal SNCC unit. Cabbage further admitted he had made statements such as "Memphis should be burned" and "Memphis should have a good race riot," but claimed he did not mean these statements literally, merely endeavoring to shock the community into doing something to help the black race.

On February 27, 1968, a second source advised that at a public meeting on February 26, 1968, the BOP Chairman John Burrell Smith told a Negro audience, "We've got to do some fighting," and "You'd better get some guns. You're going to need them before this is over. You can't pray your way out."

On June 6, 1968, the second source advised that BOP primarily consists of about 30 to 35 young college and high school students and school dropouts, unemployed and not looking for work, who continually preach hatred of the white race and capitalistic economic system and advocating and predicting violence by blacks. The over-all plan of BOP, according to source two, is to scare the Memphis community leaders, both black and white, into fearing black militancy. The BOP leaders then hope to convince the community to fund them as a form of subtle blackmail whereby BOP can prevent racial violence. Source two said that BOP is more interested in publicity and money than in direct action, but is nevertheless preaching violence in an effort to scare the community.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Atlanta, Georgia

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Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference: Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR WFO AND ATLANTA PLAINTEXT

FROM BALTIMORE

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
(COMINFIL), SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; (IS-C)
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SOURCE ADVISED THAT REV RALPH D. ABERNATHY WILL ARRIVE IN BALTIMORE TEN TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYEIGHT APPROXIMATELY SIX PM. RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH THE ATLANTA SCLC OFFICE FOR ABERNATHY TO STAY AT SHERATON BELVEDERE IN BALTIMORE. NO ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR SUNDAY. MONDAY MORNING ABERNATHY IS TO LEAD A MULE TRAIN MARCH FROM LOCAL SCLC OFFICE WHERE HE WILL TRAVEL THROUGH GHETTO AREAS ON EAST AND WEST SIDES OF BALTIMORE. ABERNATHY SCHEDULED TO HAVE A MASS MEETING AT NEW SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, LANVALE AND FREMONT AVE., BALTIMORE, MD. THE EVENING OF TEN TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.

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BALTIMORE WILL FOLLOW. APPROPRIATE LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED. MEMO FOLLOWING.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 10/26/68

Attached relates to Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who will lead a mule train through ghetto areas of Baltimore, Maryland, on 10/28/68.

Appropriate local and Federal authorities notified. At seat of government, this information was furnished to Secret Service. Copies of attached sent to Inter-Division Information Unit of Department and the Attorney General.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 11/5/68

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-35629) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC Southern Christian Leadership Conference
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This is being furnished the Bureau, Atlanta, and Memphis due to the possibility it may not have been previously brought to attention.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 11/5/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-65141) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: COMINFIL
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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00: Atlanta

Re: New York tels to Bureau, 10/25, 10/26 and 10/28/68.

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On 10/30/68, a telephone call was placed at the office of ROLAND BETTS and the following information was obtained through a suitable pretext:

At 8:00 p.m. on that date, a program would be presented at the Trinity Baptist Church, 2040 West Jefferson, Los Angeles, California, sponsored by a group of concerned clergy. Senator MC CARTHY and Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, SCLC, would appear. The purpose of the program is to get out the black vote. It was hoped that Reverend ABERNATHY would be able to speak but his schedule would not permit it.

On 10/31/68, an article appeared in the "Los Angeles Times", a local newspaper, which contained the following pertinent information:

On Wednesday night, 10/30/68, Senator EUGENE J. MC CARTHY, spoke to a crowd of 800 persons at the Trinity Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California. He urged those present to select HUBERT HUMPHREY as President of the United States.

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MC CARTHY was in Los Angeles to fill one of three speaking engagements proposed to him by officials of the SCLC. He had been asked by the SCLC to speak for HUMPHREY in Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and Los Angeles.

Appearing with Senator MC CARTHY were ALAN CRANSTON, Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate in California, and Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Vice President of the SCLC.

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FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-23228)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SCLC
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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted]
[redacted]: ISD, CID, RAO Iowa

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Letterhead Memorandum classified confidential as it contains information furnished by a confidential source whose identity must be protected.

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Enclosed Letterhead Memorandum disseminated locally to 109th MI Group, U. S. Secret Service, OSI, NISO, and U. S. Attorney, Baltimore.

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Baltimore, Maryland

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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that Ralph David Abernathy arrived in Baltimore, Maryland, from Atlanta, Georgia, on October 27, 1968. He went to the Rowntowner Motel where reservations had been made for him. No official business was conducted on Sunday, October 27, 1968. On Monday morning at approximately 9:30 a.m., Abernathy appeared at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) office, where he boarded one of three mule-drawn wagons and began a tour of the city. At approximately 12:00 noon he and other members of SCLC appeared at the Mondawmin Shopping Center.

Abernathy conducted a news conference on the same date, at which time he endorsed Hubert H. Humphrey for President of the United States.

At a mass rally at the Shiloh Baptist Church at 8:00 p.m., Abernathy addressed approximately 300 persons, where he labeled George Wallace and Richard Nixon as racists. At approximately 1:30 a.m., October 29, 1968, Abernathy left Baltimore for Philadelphia, with Andrew Young of the SCLC National Staff.

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RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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OO: Atlanta

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau 10/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM captioned as above, two copies are enclosed for Atlanta.

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Los Angeles, California
October 30, 1968

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

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On October 24, 1968 [redacted] received a letter from Reverend James H. Hargett, local representative for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, advising that on October 25, 1968, Reverend Ralph Abernathy would lead a parade consisting of three mule wagons on Los Angeles streets. The parade would commence at 3:30 p.m., at Will Rogers State Park, travel north on Central Avenue, west on 24th Street, and terminate at the Second Baptist Church. The group was to obey all traffic regulations and thus a permit was not necessary.

On October 25, 1968, a source, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Reverend Ralph Abernathy arrived at Los Angeles International Airport at about 8:47 a.m. on that date.

At 4:15 p.m., October 25, 1968, Special Agents of the FBI observed a crowd of approximately 150 Negroes at the southwest corner of Will Rogers State Park, 103rd Street and Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California. In the center of the crowd, there were three mule wagons with two mules attached to each wagon.

At 4:45 p.m., the three wagons left the park and proceeded north on Central Avenue. Reverend Abernathy and 11 other Negroes were observed in the first wagon, the second wagon was occupied by 12 Negroes, and the third wagon by five Negroes. The wagons were followed by seven automobiles upon which were observed posters urging support for various candidates for public office.

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The wagons proceeded north on Central Avenue obeying all traffic regulations.

On October 25, 1968, the above source advised that the parade proceeded north on Central Avenue, west on 24th Street, and terminated at the Second Baptist Church, 24th Street and Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Source observed Kenold Joseph Seaton, Jr., Chairman of the Cultural Committee of the "US" organization (see appendix); Wilbert Terry, representative of the Black Congress; and Tommy Ray Jacquette, representative of the Black Congress, riding in the male wagons.

The Black Congress is an amalgamation of black nationalist organizations, both militant and non-militant, which has its headquarters at 7228 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California.

Source advised that members of the "US" organization provided security for the parade. Samuel Melvin Carr, Director of Security of the "US" organization, was observed giving orders to those "US" members who were present.

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[redacted] advised that at about 7:30 p.m., October 25, 1968, Reverend Abernathy spoke at a meeting held at the Second Baptist Church, 24th Street and Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Approximately 350 to 400 people attended this meeting. Most of those in attendance were Negroes. Reverend Abernathy encouraged Negroes to vote and stressed the importance of the upcoming November elections. He told the people in attendance that the problems of the black people would not be solved by not voting in the election. He did not endorse any candidate but did indicate that Hubert Humphrey was the best candidate for black people.

Source had no knowledge of any incidents or harassments in connection with the appearance of Reverend Abernathy in Los Angeles.

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[redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that Reverend Abernathy, A. B. Lee, A. J. Young, B. Lafayette, Mr. Offenburger, Miss Randolph, H. Williams, and F. Kirkpatrick, had the following airline reservations:

October 26, 1968
Delta Airlines, Flight 132
Los Angeles to Atlanta

October 27, 1968
Eastern Airlines, Flight 132
Atlanta to Baltimore

The party separates at Baltimore. Reverend Abernathy and Mr. Lee have the following reservations:

October 29, 1968
Ransome Airlines
No flight available
Baltimore to Philadelphia

November 1, 1968
Trans World Airlines, Flight 77
Philadelphia to St. Louis

November 2, 1968
Trans World Airlines, Flight 72
St. Louis to Pittsburgh

The remaining six members of the party have the following reservations:

November 1, 1968
American Airlines, Flight 141
La Guardia, New York to Detroit

November 2, 1968
Northwestern Airlines, Flight 302
Detroit to Pittsburgh

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All eight members of the original party have reservations on United Airlines Flight 453, November 2, 1968, Pittsburgh to Atlanta.

[redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that Reverend Abernathy, A. B. Lee, and Mr. Offenburger, departed Los Angeles at 8:35 a.m. on that date via Delta Airlines Flight 14 en route to Atlanta, Georgia.

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APPENDIX

"US"
Also Known As
"US", Incorporated

"US" was chartered by the State of California as a non-profit corporation in September, 1966 with offices at 8211 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California. The corporate charter alleges that "US" is primarily an Afro-American cultural organization.

During the spring of 1968, however, a source advised that MAULANA RON KARENGA, true name Ronie McKinley Everett, Founder-Chairman of "US", has published a booklet entitled, The Quotable Karenga, in which he talks of revolution, black power and condemns Christianity for the plight of the black man.

In this booklet, KARENGA stated: "...You must have a cultural revolution before the violent revolution. The cultural revolution gives identity, purpose and direction. ...The revolution being fought now is a revolution to win the minds of our people. If we fail to win this we cannot wage the violent one. ...When the word is given we'll see how tough you are. When it's 'burn', let's see how much you burn. When it's 'kill', let's see how much you kill. When it's 'blow up', let's see how much you blow up. And when it's 'take that white girl's head too', we'll really see how tough you are. ..."

The above source advised that "US" members are required to study and memorize this booklet. "US" members are also assigned Swahili names which they use in lieu of their given names.

A second source advised that KARENGA has spoken at various meetings in Los Angeles, at which time he has talked of creating an "US" army of 1,000 men, obtaining weapons and ammunition, guerrila warfare tactics and revolution. KARENGA has also stated, "The only way to get life is to take a life and as we get stronger we will take what we want from the white man's United States." He also stated that if the police killed any "US" members, the "US" organization would kill some of them.

The first source above advised that KARENGA has also stated that recent race riots throughout the country were not riots but were actually revolts or revolutions and that the black people are going to win their freedom by violence if necessary.

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A third source advised that KARENGA has stated that a revolution will take place in the near future and that no one can believe in black revolution without believing in armed conflict because the two go hand in hand.

The first source above advised that the "US" organization has approximately 20 militant, hard-core members, a number of whom during the past year have been arrested for possession of incendiary devices, attempted arson, armed robbery and burglary. "US" members are known to carry firearms. There are an estimated additional 200 individuals, ranging in age from 4 to 40, who are known to attend meetings and social activities sponsored by "US" and which are closed to anyone not of the Negro race.

Recently, the "US" organization opened an affiliate office in San Diego, California.

The word "US" refers to the personal pronoun and is not an abbreviation.

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TO DIRECTOR (CODE)

ATTN: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

FROM PHILADELPHIA (100-47194)

COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) IS-C. COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTERNAL SECURITY -

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RECEIVED A CALL FROM JAMES ORANGE, LOCAL LEADER OF SCLC, WHO STATED THAT ABERNATHY WOULD BE IN PHILA. ON OCT. TWENTYNINE AND WOULD BE IN NORTH PHILA. DURING THE

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MORNING. ORANGE ALSO STATED THAT ABERNATHY PLANNED TO ATTEND A RALLY AT TEN PM ON THE NIGHT OF OCT. TWENTYNINE AT A CHURCH IN SOUTH PHILA. AND FROM THIS CHURCH PLANNED TO MARCH WITH THE MULE TRAIN TO BOK HIGH SCHOOL AT NINTH AND MIFFLIN AND AROUND BOK HIGH SCHOOL.

SINCE OCT. TEN LAST, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF RACIAL INCIDENTS AT BOK HIGH SCHOOL. BOK HIGH SCHOOL IS A VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WITH AN ENROLLMENT EIGHTYEIGHT PERCENT NEGRO. IT IS IN AN AREA THAT IS ALL WHITE, MAINLY ITALIANS. BECAUSE OF THE INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF PHILA. BUSES STUDENTS OUT OF THE AREA OF BOK HIGH SCHOOL AT THE CONCLUSION OF SCHOOL EACH DAY.

[redacted] ALSO ADVISED THAT VICE-PRESIDENT HUMPHREY WOULD BE IN PHILA. ON OCT. TWENTYNINE AND IS EXPECTED TO SPEAK BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE AT THE CONVENTION CENTER IN PHILA. THE SAME NIGHT AS ABERNATHY PLANS HIS MARCH THROUGH WHITE SOUTH PHILA.

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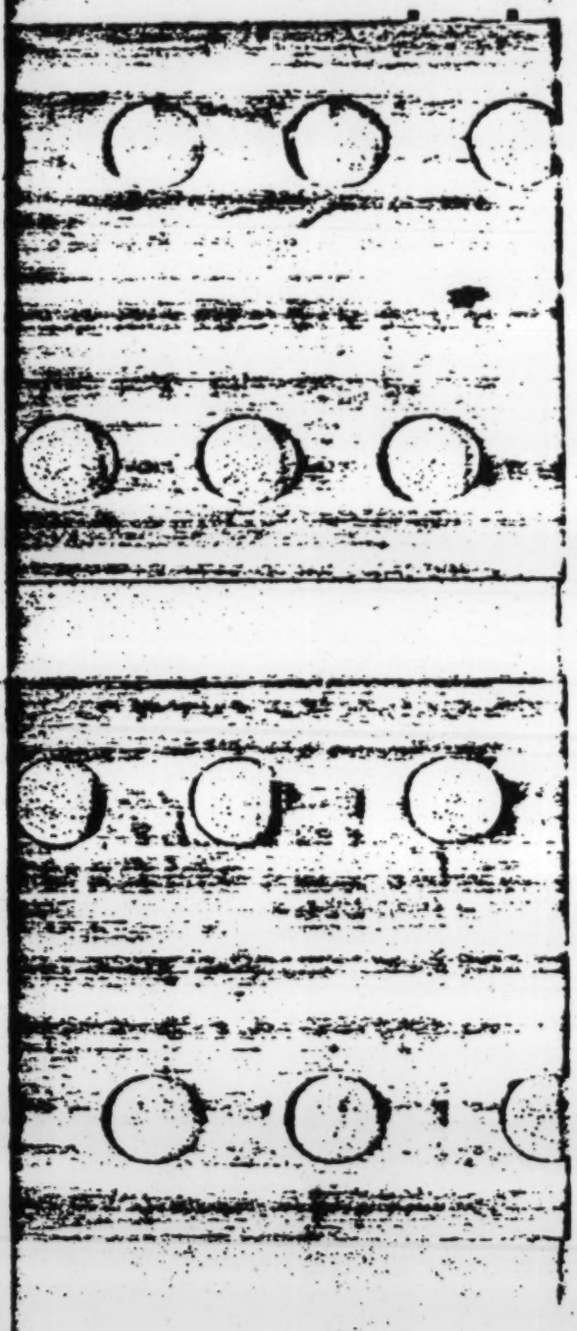

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date October 26, 1968

Attached reports a mule train march in Philadelphia headed by Reverend Ralph David Abernathy on 10-29-68 in support of entertainer Dick Gregory for President.

Vice President Humphrey will also be in Philadelphia campaigning on 10-29-68.

Information disseminated by teletype to Army and Secret Service, and copies of teletype delivered to Attorney General and Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department of Justice.

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Enclosed for the Bureau for their information is one copy of a booklet entitled "The Poor People's Campaign" which was made available on 10/22/68, [redacted] b1
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Enclosed booklet was prepared by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and is being distributed by them.

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Remyairtel dated 10/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, and for Atlanta two copies, of an LHM captioned and dated as above.

A copy of the LHM is being furnished to the USA, G-2, Secret Service and OSI, all Pittsburgh, Pa., and NISO, Philadelphia, Pa.

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[redacted] that on the same date Ralph Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was in Pittsburgh as part of the SCLC's non-partisan campaign to encourage black people to vote in the forthcoming Presidential election.

Abernathy led a "mule train" tour of the predominently Negro Hill District section of Pittsburgh; met with local black leaders; and spoke to members of the news media.

Abernathy stressed that the SCLC is not supporting any candidate, but that he has personally endorsed Hubert H. Humphrey. He predicted that Humphrey will be elected President by the black people of the United States. However, he placed the two major political parties on notice that this is the last time black people will support a "lily-white" Presidential ticket.

Abernathy said it would be tragic if either Richard Nixon or George Wallace were elected President. He said that regardless of who is elected President, the SCLC plans to continue a policy of "militant non-violence" to bring about justice for the black man.

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[redacted] Abernathy spoke before an audience of approximately 500 blacks at the Central Baptist Church, Hill District section. He urged the audience to vote on November 5, 1968, and said that failure of blacks to exercise their franchise would be tantamount to betrayal of "martyred brothers and sisters."

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Source said that following the conclusion of Abernathy's speech, the SCLC President departed Pittsburgh via air for Atlanta, Georgia.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND PITTSBURGH

FROM DETROIT (100-31774)

COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), IS - C.

RE ATLANTA TEL OCTOBER THIRTY LAST.

ON THIS DATE [redacted] ADVISED THAT RALPH ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, HAD CANCELLED THEIR RESERVATIONS ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE FOUR ONE, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN DETROIT FROM NEW YORK ON THIS DATE. [redacted] DID CONFIRM THE ARRIVAL OF BERNARD LEE, SPECIAL AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT, SCLC, BUT HAD NO OTHER INFO CONCERNING THE ARRIVAL OR ITINERARY FOR ABERNATHY AND YOUNG.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-16238)

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CHARLES BILLUPS, former aide to the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SCLC, was found shot to death in an automobile at 4813 South Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois, on 11/7/68.

BILLUPS is a former Negro minister from Birmingham, Alabama, active in the civil rights field.

BILLUPS came to Chicago in 1966 and obtained a $12,000 administrative position with the SCLC. He also worked with SCLC's "Operation Breadbasket" in the Chicago area and attempted to obtain jobs for Negroes. More recently BILLUPS was hired by the National Tea Company in the personnel department attempting to obtain qualified Negro employees for this company. He worked in conjunction with SCLC but was no longer an employee of SCLC.

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Re Philadelphia teletype to Bureau dated 10/29/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. Three copies are being furnished to Atlanta who is Office of Origin in this case.

Copies are also being forwarded to MI, OSI, NISO, SS, and USA, EDPa.

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On October 29, 1968, [redacted] b7D advised a representative of the FBI that Rev. RALPH D. ABERNATHY arrived at the Philadelphia International Airport at 1:20 a.m. that date and indicated he would be staying at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

[redacted] b1 Rev. ABERNATHY planned to lead a mule train throughout Central Philadelphia in an attempt to attend rallies throughout various Negro neighborhoods in the Philadelphia area.

[redacted] b7D advised on October 25, 1968, that in addition to street meetings throughout Philadelphia, Rev. ABERNATHY planned to lead a march on Bok Vocational High School which is located in an all-white, Italian community where there had been a number of disturbances during the previous week.

[redacted] b1 Rev. ABERNATHY addressed a crowd of approximately 300 people in the vicinity of 22nd and Columbia Avenue, at which time he endorsed Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY as his choice for President.

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"The Philadelphia Inquirer," in its edition of October 30, 1968, contains an article on page 3 indicating that Rev. ABERNATHY temporarily abandoned his Operation Bread Basket campaign for the poor to announce his support of Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY and to ask all black people to join him. ABERNATHY emphasized he was speaking as an individual and as a minister and not for the non-partisan SCLC which he founded.

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[redacted] ABERNATHY made speeches in various churches throughout Philadelphia and concluded at the Tindley Temple Methodist Church, Broad and Fitzwater Streets. b1

On October 29, 1968, [redacted] advised a representative of the FBI that Rev. ABERNATHY cancelled his plans to parade his mule train around Bok Vocational High School. [redacted] added that ABERNATHY's tour was generally well received and that there were no incidents or arrests. b7D

[redacted] Rev. ABERNATHY left Philadelphia on that date for New York City. b1

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Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNISM

Reference: Philadelphia letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above

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Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on November 18, 1968, that on that date Stanley Levison and Coretta King discussed the subject matter of an address which Coretta King was to deliver at a dinner on November 22, 1968, at which Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois is to receive the John F. Kennedy award. Levison noted that he had prepared a draft of the address in which Coretta King will first pay tribute to Kerner for the contribution his report (report of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders) made in attributing problems to white racism, then point out that white racism takes different forms. One form is indifference to such matters as Biafra and the fact that more concern was shown in this country about the art treasures in Florence than in Biafra. Levison told Coretta that he would get the final draft to her.

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- ☐ Acknowledge
- ☐ Assign ___ Reassign ___
- ☐ Bring file
- ☐ Call me
- ☐ Correct
- ☐ Deadline _____
- ☐ Deadline passed
- ☐ Delinquent
- ☐ Discontinue
- ☐ Expedite
- ☐ File
- ☐ For information
- ☐ Handle
- ☐ Initial & return
- ☐ Leads need attention
- ☐ Open Case
- ☐ Prepare lead cards
- ☐ Prepare tickler
- ☐ Return assignment card
- ☐ Return file
- ☐ Search and return
- ☐ See me
- ☐ Serial # _____
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HARRY WACHTEL

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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